

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2007, which set a three-month period for response. Filed herewith is a Request for a One-month Extension of Time, making this amendment due by August 17, 2007.

Claims 1 and 3-12 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 10, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 4, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 02/074268 A2 to Vidal et al. Claims 1, 4-8, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vidal et al.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 2 and 3 if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the present amendment, the specification as amended to add a cross-reference to the related priority document.

Claim 1 was amended to add the features of allowed claim 2, which was canceled. To address the formal rejection under Section 112, claims 1, 3, and 10 were amended to include the definition according to page 13, lines 1-4 of the specification for the "additional compound thereof". Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call to resolve those issues in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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